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TAGS: PHUM, CH

SUBJECT: WEI JINGSHENG INTERROGATED AGAIN

REF: BEIJING 10115, BEIJING 7248

1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WEI JINGSHENG WAS "SUMMONED FOR QUESTIONING" BY POLICE
ON APRIL 1

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APPARENTLY STILL IN CUSTODY.

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3. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT WEI'S DETENTION IS
TEMPORARY, AND THAT SECURITY FORCES WANT TO PRESSURE HIM
TO CURTAIL HIS PUBLIC ACTIVITIES NOW THAT HE HAS RETURNED
TO BEIJING. IT MAY ALSO BE CONNECTED TO THE PRESENCE OF
AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GARETH EVANS IN BEIJING FROM
APRIL 1-3. ALTHOUGH WEI'S ORIGINAL PRISON SENTENCE, AND
THEREFORE PAROLE, IS APPARENTLY OVER, HE IS STILL SUBJECT
TO AN ORDER DEPRIVING HIM OF HIS POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR AN

ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS. WHILE OUR (ADMITTEDLY INEXPERT)
READING OF CHINESE LAW INDICATES DEPRIVATION OF POLITICAL
RIGHTS RESTRICTS ONLY THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND RECEIVE
GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, THE GOVERNMENT IS USING THIS TO
FORMALLY WARN JOURNALISTS THAT THEY CANNOT INTERVIEW HIM.
WHEN JOURNALISTS ASKED A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN
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WHETHER DIPLOMATS COULD INTERVIEW WEI, THEY WERE TOLD NOT
TO ASK IRRELEVANT QUESTIONS.
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*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a
*** Current Classification ***